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The Heart Of The Fair

The Five County Fair going on this week is one of the highlights of the agricultural year for the people of Appomattox County as well as the other four counties that join with Appomattox to sponsor this event.

It has always been a source of disappointment to us that so many miss the best part of the fair. The best part of the fair, of course, is found in the exhibit tents, or in watching the competition for the contest prizes.

The exhibit tents are open for inspection and all of us have the opportunity to examine the prize winners and the runners up. The tremendous amount of work that goes into the exhibits cannot possible be measured. Nor can the pleasure of working together on the different club projects be measured scientifically, but must be measured in terms of community spirit, personal achievement, and club pride. The ladies who contribute their time to making an exhibit for their home demonstration club; the boys and girls who work together for their 4-H, FFA or FHA project, all earn something of value that goes far beyond the dollars and cents that are offered in premiums . . . although the cash prizes do help the club treasury and the prize ribbons are excellent for the club morale.

Unfortunately, most of the contests take place during the day and not many adults can get off from work to watch the livestock judging, fashion show, tractor driving contest, etc. But this is the heart of the fair, and most of us miss it exapt for, reading the results in the newspaper and seeing a picture or two of the winners. There is no way to capture the pride that shows on the face of the boy, who has groomed his calf all year for the show; or the sometimes nervous dignity of a young lady modeling her own dress in her first fashion show. These are the things that deserve our support and these are the things that make the Five County Fair a long awaited event.

Along with the agricultural attractions at the fair there is always the carnival or midway that attracts many people, but detracts from the more desirable side of the fair. The midway is not all bad, neither is it all good. It provides entertainment for the youngsters by offering rides and games, but is also has types of gambling games that can very neatly sever an unsuspecting person from his money. It is interesting to walk along the midway, munching a hunk of cotton candy, and passing the time of day with friends throughout the area; but it is also well to remember that the glittering midway is a good place to spend more money than you should.

Let's support the heart of the fair, but remember to keep the midway in its place.

Babson Discusses

Bargains In Foreign Travel

(Editor's Note: This column, written by Roger Babson, of Boston, Mass., an internationally famous financier, will be carried weekly by the Times-Virginian for the information of our readers. The views expressed are designed to stimulate thought and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Times-Virginian.)

BABSON PARK, MASS., Sept. 12 — Almost everything sells for a little more today than ever before; but there is one marked exception. I refer to trips from the United States to England, Ireland, and the Continent. The competition of airplane travel has raised havoc with the steamship companies. Hence the competition has reduced rates and will reduce them further this fall and winter.

Round-the-World

Clerks and other employees with a month's vacation are now buying tickets to go round the world as readily as they formerly went on a camping trip to our National Parks. These tickets can be bought on the installment plan with a small down payment.

The cheapest trips are in cargo steamers, which are limited to 12 passengers. Such trips, however, take several months and do not run on stated schedules. They do provide atractive staterooms and good food. Trips around the world by air cost about $1,000. Those making a trip to South America had better not bother with cargo ships or airplanes but take one of the regular passenger steamships from New York and return. These lines give excellent service and cost, for a couple (two in a stateroom), abtout $2,000 and they take about two months. Remember, it is summer in South America while it is winter in the United States.

The Grace Line sails from New York south through the the Panama Canal and down the West Coast to Valparaiso, Chile and return. This takes around 50 days and costs nearly $1,000 per person — two in a stateroom. The Moore-McCormack Lines sail south from New York down the East Coast, including Brazil and Argentina. This trip does not take so long a time and therefore costs less. Persons desiring to do so can go south by the Grace Line, cross the Andes and go on to the East Coast by rail, and come back by the Moore-McCormack Line. Such persons can buy a round-trip ticket as the two lines work together in a friendly manner. Neither line goes around the Horn.

Trips by Air

Take an airplane from your home city direct to San Francisco. Then, with a short stopover in Honolulu you can go directly to Tokyo, Japan. Here you may take a train through Japan and take your airplane again to Hong Kong. (You cannot now stop at Shanghai or any communist Chinese ports). Hong Kong is very interesting although you should have a guide there. Your next stop could be Manila (P.I.); and then Bangkok, Calcutta, Bombay, Cairo, Athens, Rome, Paris, London, and New York. A great trip — it makes me want to take it by just writing about it.

As I understand it, the ticket you buy is interchangeable for a plane on any line, at any time, provided you get back within a specified period — say one or two months. Before leaving, there are many things for you to do in addition to getting a satisfactory passport. You must take many vaccinations against various diseases. Hence, it is better to buy your ticket from a regular travel agency in or near the city where you live.

I think the airplane ticket would cost about $1,200 plus tax. In addition you should carry enough travelers' checks to pay for the nights you are ashore, say $500 for one month. Consult your ravel agency on these details.

I have been to Europe many times, including Russia and the satellite countries — also Japan and China, Africa, and all the countries of South America; but I have not yet taken an airplane trip "around the world." It is something you can talk about before you go, and long after you return. Only about one U. S. citizen out of 500,000 takes this trip. You can meet and make interesting friends and can learn more than you would in a year at any Liberal Arts College or State University. I am recommending it as a safe and profitable investment, perhaps the best investment for one who has never traveled much.

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International Bible Lesson for Christian Living

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: Nehemiah 2; 4; 6:15.
Devotional reading: Psalm 126.R

Leadership

Lesson for September 16, 1962

A man who succeeds in doing what no man has ever done before is a great man, provided that he does is worth doing. A man who succeeds where others have failed, is even greater—again supposing that what he does is a good thing to do. Nehemiah, was such a man. He would be a success anywhere, and not only at the time and place where he lived. The first we hear of him, he is a member of the royal court in what is now Iran, the ancient Persia. He was evidently a man the king trusted, one to whom the king gave much power. Yet he was one of the down-trodden Jews, as they were at that time. Nehemiah himself is a fine example of what happened to the Jews who were taken into captivity. They were not put into dungeons, only some of the more prominent ones suffered that fate. Most were left to sink or swim, and being Jews they generally swam. Nehemiah showed how far they could rise if he had had the chance.

The Time and the Man

A glance at the calendar helps us to understand the genius of this man. It was now about 140 years after Jerusalem had been destroyed, or 90 years after the Temple had been started. But in all that time no one had ever succeeded in getting a stable government in Jerusalem or to build practical protection against their numerous enemies. In those days every going city had to have a wall around it; but in 140 years the city wall had been lying in ruins exactly as Nebuchadenezzar's primitive bull-doers had left it. This was all news to Nehemiah when he first heard of it; it was a shock, too. That this should be so, goes to show that prosperous Jews like Nehemiah had no notion of the poverty-striken, danger-filled lives the Jerausalem Jews had been living.

When Nehemiah, with government backing, went to see what he could do in Jerusalem, by building the wall as his Number One project he became the man of the hour. Five generations had passed; Nehemiah had been settled long before now; but at last he arrived and took charge.

Knowledge and Leadership

What are the qualities that make a man a hero? What are the characteristics of a "man of the hour"? Nehemiah is a very good example. He was a successful leader partly because of what today we would call "know-how," a penetrating understanding of a situation, an accurate aim at the heart of his problem, and above all an art in getting people to do what they ought to do. Sometimes a leader learns on the job, so to speak, as Abraham Lincoln did. Sometimes he comes to his great task already knowing what to do and how to do it. But if he neither knows nor can learn, he is no leader. Nehemiah's genius lay chiefly in this: he was able to make handicaps work with him, not against him. The people had always been a quarrelsome lot, as the O l d Testament shows us. There were many cross-currents of jealousy in the dusty rubble-filled insignificant village that wanted to be a city again. These had defeated other men, no doubt. But Nehemiah put these jealouses to work. He had the goldsmiths working at one section of that wall, and the priests somewhere else. He pitted them against one another, and so induced them to do their best work.

Leadership and Faith

Readers may be interested in studying the story of Nehemiah to see what were the various ways in which he showed his power of leadership. But one of his qualities was vital, and must not be overlooked: **Faith.** The book called by his name, though filled with action, begins and ends with prayer. This man had faith in himself; self-respect was a notable quality in his make-up. He had faith in people if rightly led. But first and last his faith was in God. He could undertake the impossible because he believed God willed it, and what God wills, can be done. Nehemiah makes it quite clear that while he worked and planned, his energy would have faded, his undertakings miscarried, if he had not been sustained by the God in whom he constantly trusted.

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Hollywood

Sept. 10 — Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Banton and family, of Richmond, spent Sunday with Mr. Banton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Banton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baldwin and Mrs. Charles Hanenkrat, of Richmond, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Covington. Mr. Hanenkrat spent Sunday with his mother in Appomattox.

Rev. W. H. Elder preached a fine sermon at Hollywood Sunday.

Friends are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. George Bryant. We extend sympathy to his family.

Miss Jean Brown enters Averritte College at Danville this week.

There were a good many from here who attended the shower at the Appomattox Hotel Saturday night, given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Franklin.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder and family and Mr. and Mrs. David Franklin were dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Brown and family.

Mrs. Emma Lemon and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bagby spent Wednesday in Lynchburg with Mrs. H. C. Bagby.

There was a large crowd at the B. T. U. social Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson. This social was given in honor of Miss Jean Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Austin and Tommie visited Mr. and Mrs. Norwall Austin of Amherst Sunday afternoon. We are glad to know Mr. Bagby who has been sick is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jenkins and Cynthia, of Lynchburg visited Mrs. C. E. Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley, Jr. and son, Tye, visited Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley, Sr. Sunday night. Mrs. Mannie Hancock and Mr. Earl Beasley called in this same home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Turnes, Mrs. Bennett Gilliam and Mrs. Waverley Gilliam, of Farmville, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Covington Sunday night.

Beckham

Sept 10 — Mr. Herman Moore visited his sister, Mrs. E. B. Martin, last Friday.

Mrs. R. E. Mays spent the day recently with Mrs. L. E. Martin and Mrs. Ashby Martin.

Family reunion was at the home of Mrs. Mary Burge, Mr Paul and Wallace Burge on Sunday. Present were, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Burge, Mrs. H. E. Geiger and son, Henry, Jr., and Della Golley, of Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mays, Marie, James and Mrs. Carl Rose and baby, of Forest; Mr. and Mrs. Mose Gulley, Linda and Pat, of Big Island; also Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burge and family, Mrs. J. D. Ryons, Mrs. Maggie Moore, Mrs. Earl Jennings, David Jennings, Mrs. Mae Whorley and Marvin Whorley and Mr. Lyle Moore, of Concord; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Marino, Laura and Michael, Mrs. Thelma Drink and Shirley and Mr. Frank Stephens, of Madison Heights ;Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lotty, of Spout Spring Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cole and baby and Miss Nammie Cole, of Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burge and son, Mr. and Mrs. Hill Robertson and sons, of Moneta; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moore, their daughter and family, of Pamplin; and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mays.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Martin and relatives and friends gathered at their home on Sunday for picnic dinner in celebration of their birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mrs. Ashby Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tweedy, Michelle, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Burge, Jr., Judy and Ricky were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Flete Burge, Sr. and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Burge are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Moore. Other members of Mr. Moore's family gathered there on Sunday for picnic dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin, Phil and Patricia, of Richmond, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hawlett Drinkard and Miss Eunice Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Bonnie and Donnie, of Mrs. Hardin Jones, Mr. Eunice Martin, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Martin and the host, Mr. Charles Martin, spent Sunday for a picnic at other members of the family.

The Woman's Missionary Union Service will be held at the church at 1:30.

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Pamplin

Sept. 10 — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramsey and three children, Jane Rene, Vicky, and Andy, and Mrs. Leatha McCall spent Labor Day with the J. B. Dill family at Millsboro, Va. The home in Goldsboro, N. C. that night.

Mrs. Cora Morris, of Lynchburg, was guest in the Dr. McCall home Saturday, Sept. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Fulcher spent Labor Day week end at Surry, Va. near Jamestown. Mr. Fulcher spent a good portion of his time fishing.

Little Carolyn Womack, of Farmville, spent Friday night here with her aunt Mrs. Wilson Fulcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Puryear Cobb, of Richmond, were guests in the home of his sister, Beulah Cobb, recently. They also visited other relatives here.

Mrs. E. L. Pankey and daughter, Sandra Beulah Cobb, and Mrs. Addie Bell motored to Scottsville Monday and spent the afternoon with Mrs. June Suddarth.

Last Tuesday, Sept. 4, Mrs. C. W. Slayton, Mrs. Clayton Beale, Barry Beale, and C. W. Slayton, Jr. went to Danville where Barry and C. W. enrolled on Wednesday the 5th in the Danville Technical Institute.

Over the week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beale were Miss Catherine Richardson and Miss Shirley Patterson from Appomattox.

A goodly number of young people from the Baptist church participated in the Religious census Sunday afternoon fere.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton went to the Memorial Hospital in Lynchburg Sunday and visited with the nurses who were so nice to him during his long illness, recently there, then next they visited Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Slayton and Mr. and Mrs. Curt Slayton, also visited Mrs. Fannie Gilliam who has been ill for some time, and other friends, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Lona Austin, and Mrs. Blanche Thompson.

Mrs. Robert Fore spent most of Saturday p.m. with her sister, Mrs. Bessie Wilkerson.

Friends are glad to know Mrs. Eunice Baldwin's injured hand is improving slowly.

Mrs. Dan Tolbert and little son, Ronald, returned to their home in Honolulu Saturday after about two months visit with her parents and relatives here. They left the Friendship Airport in Baltimore, Md. at 5:45 p.m. Saturday and a message was received from here at 5 o'clock Sunday a.m. saying they had reached their destination safely.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Maxwell were Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Maxwell, of Richmond, Mrs. Hunter Martin, of Evergreen, and Rev. Wilbur G. Maxwell, of Danville.

Mrs. R. V. Covington, of Pamplin, is recovering nicely from a recent operation at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

HELP

"Where is Jimmy this afternoon?"

"If he knows as much about canoes as he thinks he does, he is out canoeing, but if he doesn't know any more about it than I think he does, he's swimming."

Gladstone

Sept. 12 — Mrs. Elizabeth Burge and daughters entertained Sunday with a family picnic on their lawn.

Those present were Mr. Linwood Crawley, of Rice, Mr. Samuel Dickerson, of Pamplin, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Gordon, Bob Bell and daughter, Laverre, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Burge and sons, Dickie and Timothy Wayne, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen Tweedy and daughter, Michelle, Mrs. Erma Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Burge, Jr., Judy and Ricky, of Concord, Mrs. Lana Bell Clay and Albin Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Jessee Campbell and daughter, Teresa, Mr. and Mrs. George Cheatham and Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Martin, Connie Kathy and Tammy, Mrs. Lillian Martin, Mrs. Everette Moore, all of Appomattox, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bell and son, Lester, Miss Aldred Dodd, Mrs. Buleah Harlow and son, R. D. and Walter Lee, Miss Gertrude Bell, of Arlington, Va.

Student Historian Returns To Texas

National Park personnel at Appomattox Surrender Grounds said goodbye last week to George A. Reaves who returns to graduate study at North Texas State University, Denton, Texas. Reaves is a native of Wichita Falls, and is majoring in history. He has been a Park guide since early summer.

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County Line

Mr. Robert Mann was week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann and family.

Mrs. Shirley Reynolds and daughters, of Farmville, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Jones and Hilda Saturday afternoon.

Miss Emma Hoos is on the sick list. We hope this fine lady a speedy recovery.

Miss Linda Nash and Jimmy Howard visited Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Jennings and Carroll, of Lynchburg, Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann were supper guests of Mrs. Elliott Nash and family Sunday night.

Mrs. W. T. Nash was taken to the hospital Sunday night for further treatment.

Mrs. Fred Elder and boys visited Mrs. Rosser Reynolds and family Sunday.

Little Paul Mullins is sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Guill visited Mr. and Mrs Richard Nash Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Thomas Jamerson visited Mrs. Richard Nash and Mrs. W. T. Nash Wednesday afternoon.

Those who visited Mrs. W. T. Nash last week were Mrs. Laura Ferguson, Mrs. Vennie Jones, Mrs. Frank Moore, and Mrs. Dan Irby, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nash, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Harvey Mrs. Kit Thomas and Mrs. Herman Guill.

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This Is The Third In A Series Of Articles Concerning Appomatttox County And Its Rural Area Development Program

AGRICULTURE

Appomattox County feels the terrific impact of agricultural change taking place today.

Change and adjust are two of the most commonly used terms in our agricultural dictionary. The necessity for change has come about as results of technology and scientific developments.

Productivity of American farms, resulting from better land use, better conservation practices, higher fertility level, better varieties, higher producing hybrids, use of more efficient machinery, more effective pesticides, herbicides and more efficient use of water, will continue to increase, resulting in surpluses. This will bring about a need for further reduction of crop acres. There will be a larger demand for high productive crop land.

The number of commercial farms in Appomattox County decreased from 650 in 1954, to 426 in 1959. Some of this reduction was occasioned by a change in census definition of a commercial farm, but was largely due to sell-outs, combinations, etc.

Of these commercial farms, 66% had a gross income of 5,000 or less; only 4% had a gross income of over $20,000., with the remaining 30% falling between the high and low. We find the average age of the farm operators to be 53 years, with 47% 55 or older. Less than 3% of the total are under 25 years of age, with the remaining 50% between 25 and 55.

In crop acreages of the chief source of income, tobacco, there was a decrease. In 1961, Appomattox County farmers 79 fewer acres of bright tobacco than in 1952. At the same time, the per acre yield rose from 1315 to 1771 pounds per acre.

The harvested acreage of Burley and Dark Fired tobacco in 1961, was 186 acres less than the 1952 harvested acres, but again, the yields climbed slightly from 1275 to 1333 pounds per acre.

The census further shows that land values have been climbing steadily since 1950 when the average per acre value was $37.22. In 1954, the value had risen to $57.92, and in 1959, it stood at $88.56 per acre.

In terms of purchasing power compared to 1939, Appomattox County farmers had $15,000. less purchasing power in 1959 than in 1939. The total dollars received was over twice as many, but the purchasing power compared to 1939 dollar was only 46c. This was a result of inflation.

Excluding the value of land, buildings, fences, and many small items, farmers in Appomattox have a capital investment of over $3,000,000 in tractors, trucks, hay balers, combines, corn pickers, forage harvesters, etc. This is more than the total annual agricultural income from the sale of crops and livestock products.

It was further revealed that timber corporations own a large segment of the total land area and are still buying. Corporations, the state forest, and the Surrender Ground area comprise 21% of the county.

Farm numbers will continue to decline. Dark Tobacco will probably become less important to the total economy as demands for flue-cured tobacco increase. Livestock will become the important consideration on many farms. These changes will increase capital requirements and will necessitate higher calibre management.

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